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In re Application of
Ian R. Thompson et al
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Title: CABLE GATE

Examiner: J.E. Redman
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ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002.

Applicants elect the species of Group I, but make this election with traverse.

Claims 147-174, 177-249 and 252-291 are readable on the elected species.

The requirement to elect between the species of Group I and Group II is traversed because at least Claims 1-28 are generic to both embodiments and therefore link the species of Groups I and II. Whether one embodiment is superior to another is dependent upon its application and although the specification might state that one provides a clutch action which is more positive, it is not reasonable to suggest that one arrangement that works somewhat better than another involves a separate non-linked inventive concept.

In view of the above, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and withdraw the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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